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## Fall 2002 Women's Pheasant Hunts

Six special women's pheasant hunts are being offered by the Department of Fish and Game through its Game Bird Heritage Program. These hunts are made possible through the purchase of an Upland Game Bird Stamp by hunters. Providing hunting opportunity and hunter access is a major goal of the Game Bird Heritage Program. When applying for the hunts, you must indicate who you would like to bring as a guest hunter. See instructions under "How To Apply."

The hunts will be held near the towns of Modesto (Mapes Ranch), Gustine and Bakersfield. These hunts will be held on private property and in cooperation with local organizations. These organizations include the Safari Club International-California Central Valley Chapter (Modesto), Los Banos Soroptimist Club and the Los Banos Chapter of Quail Unlimited (Gustine) and the Kern County Fish and Game Protective Association (Bakersfield). Two hunts are scheduled per day, from 8:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to sunset. Male ring-necked pheasants will be released prior to each hunt.

Successful applicants and their guest (except junior license holders) must pay a \$13.00 entry fee. **Do not** send the \$13.00 fee with your application, it will be collected when you check in at the hunt. An Upland Game Bird Stamp is required of all hunters **except** junior license holders. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older).

## **How To Apply**

Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing and allowed to bring one female hunting guest. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for **yourself and your guest**: ① name, ② address, ③ daytime and evening telephone numbers, ④ 2002-2003 hunting license number, and ⑤ hunt number, location (e.g. [E] Modesto), date and hunt period in order of preference. Hunters may apply only **once** for each hunt. Applying for the same hunt more than once will disqualify you from the drawing. Hunters will be selected for **only one** hunt. This is to provide more hunters with the opportunity to participate in these special hunts. Please make your selections carefully. Changes cannot be made after the drawing. Applications must be returned to:

Game Bird Heritage Women's Pheasant Hunts 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93710

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Applications must be received by Friday, November 1, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. **Only successful applicants will be notified** with instructions and a map to the hunt area. It is your responsibility to notify your guest hunter of being successful in the drawing. For additional information on any of these hunts or an application, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Game Bird Heritage Program at (559) 243-4005, extension 132 or 133.

The hunt numbers, locations, dates and hunt periods are as follows. List in order of preference on your application.

Hunt Number	Location	Date and Hunt Period	Capacit y
A	Bakersfield	Saturday, November 23, morning	25
В	Bakersfield	Saturday, November 23, afternoon	25
С	Gustine	Saturday, December 7, morning	25
D	Gustine	Saturday, December 7, afternoon	25
Е	Modesto Mapes Ranch	Saturday, November 23, morning	25
F	Modesto Mapes Ranch	Saturday, November 23, afternoon	25

This and additional information can be found by visiting the Department's web page at http://www.dfg.ca.gov.